

FIELD CROPS



HAY

Harvested acreage for alfalfa declined in 2003 to 230,000 acres. Due to drought conditions, the average yield for alfalfa decreased to 4.9 tons per acre, producing 1.13 million tons. The value of production for all hay was \$185.6 million, a 21 percent drop from 2002 as the average price increased to \$144 per ton.

SORGHUM

New Mexico's sorghum acreage harvested for grain decreased to 62,000 acres compared to 80,000 harvested in 2002. Yields averaged 27 bushels per acre for a total production of 1.7 million bushels compared to the 2.8 million bushels produced a year earlier. The average price increased to \$2.49 per bushel. Total value of production was \$4.2 million, a decrease from the \$6.9 million in 2002. An estimated 10,000 acres were harvested for silage with an average yield of 15 tons per acre producing 150,000 tons overall.

CORN

Corn for grain production in New Mexico dropped slightly to 8.6 million bushels. Harvested acreage decreased to 48,000 acres, 1,000 acres less than 2002. Average yields matched the previous year's record at 180 bushels per acre. The average price increased to \$2.90 per bushel bringing the value of production to \$25 million, just above 2002. A total of 80,000 acres of corn were harvested for silage with an average yield of 23 tons per acre. Total production of silage in the state came to 1.8 million tons.

WHEAT

New Mexico's winter wheat production shifted upward to 4.2 million bushels in 2003. Harvested acreage decreased to 140,000 acres from 150,000 acres a year earlier. The average yield was 30 bushels per acre, an increase of 4 bushels per acre from 2002. The value of the wheat crop was \$13.4 million with the average annual price dropping to \$3.20 per bushel.

PEANUTS

Peanut acreage decreased to 17,000 acres harvested in 2003. Yields dropped slightly from 2002 to 2,700 pounds per acre. Production was 54 million pounds, 13 million pounds below the harvest in 2001. Crop value took a big drop from \$10.3 million in 2002 to \$8.7 million in 2003 with the average price holding steady at \$.19 per pound.

COTTON

Upland cotton producers harvested 38,000 acres in 2003, 24 percent less than 2002. Yields averaged 884 pounds per acre, the second highest yield on record. Total production was estimated at 70,000 bales, 18 percent less than a year earlier. The average price increased, averaging \$.63 per pound. Total value also increased to \$23 million. American-Pima harvested acreage, at 6,000 acres, was significantly less than the 7,100 acres harvested in 2002. Yields, at a record-high 1,056 pounds per acre, resulted in total production of 13,200 bales. The value of the crop was placed at \$5.6 million with prices averaging \$1.06 per pound.